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LOCAL MUSICIANS TRAVEL TOWARDS FAME

LOOSE CABOOSE REGGAE BAND IS FIRST GROUP TO PERFORM AT ROCK AND ROLL HALL OF FAME AND MUSEUM!!!

Wendell gives rise to internationally acclaimed Loose Caboose (Rated #1 Touring U.S. Reggae Band) whose songs are vibrant throughout the land. The band was selected as a semifinalist in the 1996 'Musician' Magazine Best Undersigned Band competition, chosen from thousands of entries. Their music, best known via live performances throughout the valley and greater New England, has been made to move you, and now it is moving the world. Rhythmic sounds performed through high spirited songs of oppression and freedom carry soulful meaning as Loose Caboose greets the opportunity to tell it like it is.

Roughly 20 years after the arrival of Jonathan Dorr and Ras Jahn Bullock, Wendell remains the home operative base for Loose Caboose. Even as you read this, the Rasta / Reggae sound, with it s roots stretching across the earth, is being carried through the musical expressions of the band's most recent CD 'Caboose Ha Fe Move' (#9 of the top 10 American Independent Albums*Reggae Report 1996). Now being played in 48 states and 40 different countries across the planet, topping the charts in many places, with recognition as the number 1 Reggae band in Guam, their latest release is receiving a very warm world wide welcome, bringing the group to new heights.

Dorr, (guitarist/vocalist) having grown up in a musically oriented family, gained most of his musical experience in the Boston area where he spent his childhood. Taking advantage of the many opportunities that arose for him, he learned from and played music with numerous family members, neighbors and friends. Going from acoustic to electric, his most recent explorations of sound include digital samplings of his own musical expressions. He is working to approach a

sense of perfection in digital sound while combining production with recording, riding on a whole new wave of technology.

Bullock, (keyboardist/songwriter/vocalist) a strong lead singer for the group, began singing at Roxbury's St. John Baptist Church before moving into the clubland spotlight for a number of R&B and soul units. Later heading off to the One Love Peace Concert at which Marley's Wailers were the featured artists, he sought and found the inspiration of true Peace in Jamaica. It was 1978. Seeking a renewed sense of direction for Loose Caboose through the Rastafarian connection he felt drawn toward, brought him to share both the concert stage and personal friendship of the undisputed king of Reggae, Bob Marley.

Loose Caboose had been struggling for some time; Bullock being the only black man in the band,asked Marley what he though about whites playing Reggae music, who in turn told him, "Until the color of a man's skin is of no more significance than the color of his eyes, there will be war. What's in a person's heart is the important thing, not what color their skin is."

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WE(NDELL) RATE RECYCLING AWARD

TOP MARK FOR RECYCLING

For the second year in a row, Wendell has recieved an "A" for its efforts to reduce the volume and toxicity of the town's waste. The Dept. of Environmental Protection grades communities annually on their recycling efforts.

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WED. " 29th "
THURS. " 30th "

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Today, having recently returned from their nation-wide tour (A Tribute to Bob Marley), recognized as one of the very first Reggae Bands in America, they are still on the uprise and going strong. From Ceasar's Palace in Lake Tahoe, Nevada as the featured band bringing Reggae to Tahoe, after gigs in California and Colorado, their journey brought them round to the Odeon of Cleveland Ohio (2/3/96), and the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame (2/4/96). After continuing onward to University gigs in Delaware and New Jersey, with a welcomed return by the familiar coastal states of the east, they are being gratified for their "top rankin' music, cool vibes, level heads, positive vibrations, and new friendships"in the words of Packy Malley (R.&R. Hall of Fame, North Ridgeville, OH.), "I really enjoyed each person in the band. Solid cats!"

The band's earliest recordings done in 1980 at Dynamic Studios, have yet to be adapted from vinyl in order to convey a sound quality that comes close to that of their most recent CD. Their latest creation 'Caboose Ha Fe Move', recorded in 1995, at Ziggy (son of Bob) Marley's Tuff Gong studios in Jamaica, covered a period of 4 to 5 years to complete it s production. To honor and preserve authenticity Loose Caboose, pure in it s sense of I n I Rasta, has recorded only in Jamaica. In their own words, "(I) got to keep the music alive, we've got come together, we've got to chant together...Reggae music"; their rhythmic voices carry on amidst the sound of percussions, guitar, keyboards, saxophones and a number of vocal harmonies; as I listen I find the keyboard dancing. Receiving an eased sense of Peace as lyrics of liberation ring out through the blues of life, they come together as one to sing about freedom from injustice towards humanity for the ignorance in racial/cultural disharmony. Peace and Love appear at the core of the Reggae message I hear.

Having only seen the band once before at Ralph's Din er, Worcester (1979), I had only a vague memory of their sound, and it was nothing like the freshly printed C.D. I just received from them Yes, vibrant and alive they are ablaze in expression. So easy to move to, hard to stay still to or not be affected by. Creatively and freely, their Reggae music comes to life.

Caboose Ha Fe Move, the title track song literally means 'self motivated' (to move). The Reggae movement has been strong in it s uprising of song artists, musicians, recording artists and recording studios. It is very successful in it s independence, delivering a universal undercurrent that is constant and free.

From the island of Trinidad, Robin I (percussionist/vocalist), the most recent member of the group, assures me that what Reggae music is about, is recognizing oppression in the world amongst the people, and weeding out injustice by speaking up against it to restore peace and dignity. His musical background at about age16 began with mostly steel pan and hand drumming. Starting out in Jamaica with his first band, Black Star Liner, he later came to the States and played with the Mighty Charge (recently nominated for Boston Music awards). He is presently involved in an on going recording project with the Nyabinghi Theocracy of Massachusetts, and is committed to the continuing

Doing 24 concerts in 48 days while touring across the U.S. and back, the group did manage to avoid rough weather conditions here on the home front. Yet in turn they encountered a whole other variety of road conditions, requiring road management and all it entails from a-z on every level, while managing to juggle all of life to the best of their ability, consistently meeting with their opportunity and commitment to perform. Their devotion to keeping Reggae alive has them learning and enduring, developing knowledge and wisdom for their next move

Their hopes are that Loose Caboose will be welcome in Japan sometime in the near future. With thoughts of how to go better and better into the progression of their cause, they continue to meet and practice as a group, in the neighboring town of Montague.

Dona O'Dou

LETTERS

To The Editor,

I'd like to get together a group of people interest in a Wendell Mapping project.

I believe that it is very important that our economic development endeavors be grounded in a clear, shared knowledge of place.

My curiosity is peaked by the stories I've heard of a Wendell past, by the knowledge that others have shared with me, and by my growing sense of coming home as I begin to head up the hill.

I would like to work with others to create maps that allow us all to share a waking sense of this place that we call home.

If anyone is interested please contact me. I'd be happy to share my copy of Boundaries of Home: Mapping for Local Empowerment.

I'd like to see this project include people of all ages and interests, I'd like to see the end result include all of our senses, all of the media being produced in this town. I'd like to see this project precipitate some local empowerment!

Nancy Riebschlaeger 544-2741

TO THE WENDELL POST:

Claudia Pommer makes a very good point. And a very important one. Mega-money managers are not bad people--no more than you and I. If we had their job, we would make the same kind of decisions. Managers have to make decisions that are contrary to community values when they are called to do so by the structure of the economy and their role within it.

Example: If Aaron Feuerstein was the Chief Executive Officer of a publicly traded company instead of the owner of Malden Mills, he could not have paid full wages for three months to hundreds of idled workers while the burned mills were being rebuilt and retooled. A Board of Directors would have fired the irresponsible Feuerstein for his failure to minimize investor losses. The Directors' mission is to serve the investors, not the community.

Example: We have a great Fire Department and they will minimize the damage. That is community working. But when it comes to rebuilding ... that's a different story. The odds are excellent that part of your fire insurance premium is used to persuade our kids to light up. (The cigarette companies need 3,000 new customers every day to replace the ones who die every day.) In the movie "The Godfather" the mafia boss, explaining how he got someone's cooperation, said, "I made him an offer he couldn't refuse." Promoting the fatal addiction is an offer you cannot refuse, if you make

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rent or mortgage payments because a piece of the payment is for insurance and because tobacco, being addictive, is a good investment for the insurance company. The security of your home, retirement income and even health care comes in part from the promotion and sale of earlier deaths.

Where is community in this picture? Or the freedom to determine the use of your earnings?

Parker Cleveland

TO THE WENDELL POST:

I have known Joe and Dean as good neighbors for many years. It saddened me to learn that their lawyer threatened Mr. Altman. What's going on here? Do they have something to hide?

A lawyer with a "SLAP" suit is like a thug with a gun. This tactic, though legal, is nasty. It inhibits the free flow of information and opinion in the marketplace of ideas. Without it, democracy is a dream. It inhibits everyone's freedom of speech. Without it, democracy is impossible.

Really guys, this tactic is "below the belt" and beneath your dignity and standing as good neighbors.

Parker Cleveland

Dear Wendell Post,

There is still something Linda Kosuda asked us to do. When she got cancer, she wondered if it was caused by the microwaves from the tower on Lockes Hill Rd. She researched the subject and came up with scarey information about the dangers of microwave radiation. She called out a warning. She no longer had the strength to investigate the effects of microwaves. She only asked that we find out for ourselves if the microwave tower can still hurt us.

Linda wanted to be assured the tower could not ever start operating secretly. She wanted that tower down forever, for the children's sakes.

She was really courageous. My admiration for her grew as we sat in her kitchen talking about her fight with cancer and her desire to protect the children from suffering the same problem. She and Steve had the kind of attitude that you just pray will win, overcome all. I prayed for her as best as I knew how. I went up and listened for sounds coming from the microwave tower. It seemed quiet. I wrote her article for the "Post", but did not want to have to worry about a petition.

Robert Altman's concerns expressed in a letter to the "Post" about the demolition rubble dump got about the same let's-not-worry reaction. It is easier to quietly hope for the best, despite what our eyes and nose tell us. In the case of radiation, there is no visible alert.

That tower still sits on the hill shining its light toward her house. She wanted us, which includes me, to learn about it.

Kathy Becker

LETTER TO THE POST READERS,

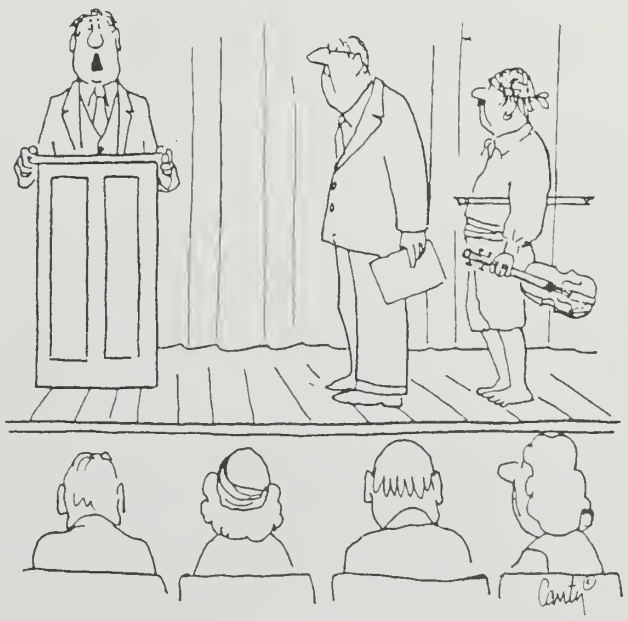
I've been thinking alot lately. There's been some pretty intense things happening all around me. My first thought is one of Linda Kosuda and her struggle to beat the cancer that took her life . I wonder sometimes about things and why they happen. I hear quite often "Every thing happens for a reason". Oh my, I have a hard time with that one. Some of the things that I see, whether they directly or indirectly affect my life, just don't make any sense. What I come away with is that we get to learn something from everything that comes our way. Maybe some of this learning will help us or will help us help someone else further on down the road. Anyway thinking about Linda, I think about kids. I was at the gym show practice when I heard she had died. Somehow it seemed fitting to be surrounded by children doing their very best when I heard of her passing. She loved children. She loved to take care of them, to watch them grow and become who they are. And she did one heck of a job doing it. I'm glad that she sheltered my children for a time. It was a relief to have someone I didn't have any concerns about to care for my children. I'm sorry for her pain and sorry for her family and friends' pain in her illness and in her death. This is one of those things that there is no reason why, we just have to accept what is and go on. Linda seemed to me to be happy in her life. She was doing what she wanted, had her family around and had a home she so proudly worked at.

May we all get to work at something we enjoy and to be surrounded by those we love.

Anne Diemand

BACK INTO TOWN

Susan, our children and I created a tiny civilization out on Bear Mountain starting in 1978 and '79. With only ourselves plus a Jeep, chainsaw and hand tools, we cleared, gardened, ditched, and built a homestead of fields, orchards and several buildings. About that time and earlier, others were doing similar things including Anne Perkins, the Clevelands, the Slavas-Lawrence family. Later came Apollo and the Rosie Heidkamp/Sally Alley bunch.



"NOW SOME THOUGHTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF OUR FINANCE COMMITTEE."

Until our kids grew and went their own way, their energy and promise was a big part of the glue, the worthiness of going to all that trouble (and distance) to make a fitting home. There was also something in the air then, an odor of innocence and optimism stronger than you pick up now.

If we were in the business of critiquing each other's decisions, I'm sure our homemaking choices could have caught a lot of flak. There was a phase, when the children left and didn't often return, when I got into that business myself regarding our home. Was the location a way to run away from something that was to be faced? Did I impose my values on defenseless kids? They have reported feeling conscripted sometimes, losing out on something they needed of childhood. There are great obstacles to figuring out one's childhood, as I can personally testify, and maybe they're working out theirs, as I'm still doing with mine.

Anyway, once the nest was empty, a succession of young men and women of gentle ways and fierce beliefs took up residence on our homestead. In most cases they found the payoff from living under primarily their own power, growing vegetables, all of us depending on each other for company and help.

But something seemed eventually to be missing on this wonderfully functional, generally considered beautiful homestead. The stone house with its big windows and wood beams and panelling and the elegant relationship of the woodshed and woodbox and woodstove communed nicely with nature. The hard work of constructing such a Taj Mahal to the love of earth paid off in easy homesteading at the physical level. But by both location and function (so self-sufficient), it challenged the feeling of connectedness to the greater community.of man, woman and child. Particularly our own children.

With the events leading up to our recent marriage, especially the tough times, Susan and I got a great boost toward freedom...a freedom we're exercising now in our choice to move. We're hoping to live in or near the center of Wendell where we can eliminate or at least reduce the locational challenge. (Well, compared to Bear Mountain...) How we decide to live there--with or without electricity, buying or growing our food and fuel, getting about by car or bicycle or thumb--these functional, home ec decisions will still subtly affect our connectedness to the greater society that we humans seem to be wired to consider home.

We'll make these decisions, we'll struggle with our sometimes conflicting love of backyard-grown and store-bought, home-cooked and restaurant-served, push-buttoned or axe-handled and hope for the generous understanding of this town as we grope our own way toward the exciting next semester of our lives.

Jonathan von Ranson

The Wendell Meeting House

STANLEY ERMAN

Stanley L. Erman, 71, died April 1, 1996 at the Franklin Center in Greenfield, Mass. He was the husband of Anita N. (Drown) Erman.
He was born in Whately, April 14, 1924. He was the son of Adolph and Mary Ann (Lisewski) Erman.
Besides his wife he leaves a step-daughter, Donna Lee Lewis of Bernardston; a step-son, Earl H. Hopkins of St. Petersburg, Fla.; three sisters, Stephenie and Blanche Baronski and Stella Rogelski, all of South Deerfield; six step-grandchildren and three step-great-grandchildren

LAND TRANSFERS

Cassandra Roxanne Beatman Nawrocki to Mount Grace Land Conservation Trust, Inc., Thompson Road - 13 acres ---- $7,000.00, 3/4/1996.

Freeman W. Albertson to Thomas F. Sweeney, Sr., 1.64 acres and buildings - Locks Village Road ---- $33,000.00 - 1/18/1996.

Donald A. Samuels, Trustee of Bond Realty Trust to Meanette Vermes - 0.37 acres and buildings - Kentfield Road ---- $10,500.00, 2/6/1996.

WENDELL FIRE LOG

3/8/96	Vehicle Fire	Bear Mt. Rd.
3/21/96	Chimney Fire	Checkerberry Lane

WENDELL POLICE LOG

3/02/96	Check destruction to dwelling. Wendell Depot Rd.
3/05/96	Accident. Wendell Depot Rd
3/08/96	Safety hazard, intersection of Jennison &Cooleyville Rd.
3/09/96	Officer wanted. Farley Rd.
3/12/96	Check welfare of residents. West Rd.
3/20/96	Missing person. Locke Hill Rd.
3/21/96	Firecracker in mailbox. Montague Rd
3/20/96	Firecracker in mailbox. West Rd.
3/21/96	Check welfare. Locke Hill Rd.
3/22/96	Disabled MV. Depot Rd.
3/22/96	Officer wanted. West Rd.
3/25/96	Workhorse loose. Jennison Rd.
3/25/96	Oficer wanted. Complaint of violent person. Wendell.
3/29/96	Officer wanted. Annoying phone calls. Kenfield Rd.
3/31/96	Suspicious vehicle. Intersection of Locke Hill & Old Stage Rd.
3/31/96	Officer wanted. ATV's driving on Montague Rd.
4/02/96	Stray dog. Stone Rd.
4/05/96	MV violation. Montague Rd.
4/08/96	Tree down. Farley Rd.
4/08/96	Accident. Wendell Depot Rd.
4/08/96	Accident. Mormon Hollow Rd.
4/09/96	Officer wanted. Annoying phone calls. Main St.
4/10/96	Disabled vehicle. Corner of West & Montague Rd.
4/10/96	Accident. Jennison Rd.
4/10/96	Check welfare. Farley Rd.
4/13/96	Larceny. 4-wheeler stolen. West Rd.

WENDELL WEATHER

	JAN	FEB	MAR
Avg H Temp	30	34	43
Avg L Temp	14	15	20
Mean	22.2	24.7	31.2
Avg Mean (89-95)	24.9	23.5	34.4
Rain	4.85	1.45	1.0
Snow	37	18.75	27.5

Snow is the word for this winter. In fact it's snowing outside as I type this in the 2nd week of April. Snow in April is not uncommon but the amount of this recent storm (6") is the most I've recorded. In 1993 we had 2" of snow on the 26th of April so we have a ways to go before the possibility of snow goes away completely.

This is by far the snowiest winter I have recorded with 126.95" so far. The 27.5" of snow in March is well above my average (16.6") but far below the 48" that fell in March of 1993. Two stretches during the winter are worth noting. From January 2 through 12, 34" of snow fell and 27.5" fell in the first 8 days of March.

A look ahead shows my average date of last frost as the 30th of April with the latest frost I've recorded on May 12, 1990 and the earliest on April 19, 1991.

May is always a special month with bird song filling the woods and fields and woodland wildflowers coming into their own. In the words of Lewis Gannett, "This is May; not a moment of it should be missed."

Bill Lafley

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WENDELL TO GET $ BOOST FROM LOTTERY

WENDELL - The town of Wendell is slated to receive $74,063 as its share of lottery proceeds for the budget year that starts July 1, selectmen said last week.

This will be an increase of almost $7,000 over the sum they received for the current year 1996.

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COMMUNITY SHOVELED BY LAKE GROVE STUDENTS

All staff and students at Lake Grove School would like to formally thank the students who participated in this winter's shoveling project. Our weather reporter indicated that we had a total of 67.5 inches of snow between November 1, 1995 and January 31, 1996. Throughout each storm, student volunteers shoveled out the steps and doorways of the Wendell Town Hall, the Wendell Library and the Wendell Town Office buildings. We applaud their initiative and community support.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!
'WHATEVER IT TAKES!'

Hyakutake

Giant Ice Balls Flying through Space

In light of the recent comet, there are probably many who want to know just what comets are made of. They are composed of compressed ice and dust, which travel through the solar system. A comet has a nucleus which is a few miles in diameter, that is a more concentrated solid than the surrounding dust and ice. Comets are the oldest bodies in the solar system, they are the left-over particles from the beginning of time that were shielded by the cold space of the solar system, still traveling through the universe.

*Comets are everywhere in the universe, but are rarely able to be seen from earth. The likelihood of a comet hitting the earth is very small, and even if a comet was headed towards earth it would most likely be destroyed in the atmosphere unless it was gigantic. The last comet we experienced (3/96), was named *Hyakutake, and it was about 9 million miles away from earth though it could easily be seen from most back yards. Comets travel trough space at about 100,000 miles per hour, and can be hundreds of thousands of miles long.*

The comets tail consists of particles that are caught in the solar wind, kind of like the water that can be seen flying through the air when you run, after you have jumped in and out of a pond for a swim on a sunny day.

Jesse Springer

*(A picture of Hyakutake can be seen on page 1.)

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Junk-Car Jitters

WENDELL - After April 1, having more than two unregistered vehicles on your Wendell property will earn you a ticket, according to Selectboard Chairwoman Ann Zak.

Selectboard members have made a comprehensive tour of town and noted properties with a large number of unregistered vehicles. They also noted several buildings with no discernible street numbers. Both the property owners with the unregistered vehicles and those with hard to find or missing house numbers will receive warning letters, they say.

Common Ideas Sought

WENDELL - Officials are looking for ways to spruce up the town common.

The common has been in need of attention for some time since drainage problems and the loss of a landmark shade tree marred the town centerpiece, selectmen said.

Officials are asking residents to propose ideas such as new landscaping.

"The sky's the limit," according to Wendell town coordinator Regina Curtis.

Wendell Townhall Well

For any of you who may not have heard, the townhall well is in working order. We have reached our goal to have drinkable water coming out of the taps at the townhall. I think about the many fund raisers we held over a three year period and of the many people who gave of time, money, ideas and energy. It would be an almost impossible feat for me to name them all. I want to thank each and every one of you from the bottom of my heart. It was at Wendell Old Home Day four years ago that it stuck me as amazingly strange that in our wonderful little town on the hill that we couldn't drink the water at our townhall. So with a lot of help from a lot of folks that job is done! The two townspeople I could not have done it without are Ted Lewis and Elizabeth Scully. Ted was there to listen to every idea that came our way and helped make them happen. Elizabeth kept track of our money, making sure it got into the bank and paying our bills on time. It was quite a core group! My thanks once again to all.
We are still intending on having a celebration at the townhall, it's just one of the things that is yet to be planned. So keep an eye out for notices for the party at the townhall.

Anne Diemand

Good Neighbors

If you can contribute some ideas and/or some hours toward resuming the Good Neighbors "Food Share" Program, come to a meeting on Sunday, May 5th at 3 PM at the Town Offices. Questions? Call Margo Culley 544-2020.

Community Awareness

The Wendell-New Salem Police Steering Committee is looking at the questions:

--How well is the D.A.R.E. program working to give children an understanding of mood-altering drugs, their effects on the person who uses or tries them, and the influences brought to bear around their use? (With statistics of drug use by young people on the rise, there is no room for complacency...though the effect of D.A.R.E. on such a statistic would be hard to measure.)

--Does the program strengthen or weaken a child's sense of responsibility for good personal decision-making?

--How significant is it that about "3-4 children in a class" at Swift River School may "feel they're getting a snow job," or simply feel conflicted and "like to talk about it more"...? The Swift River teachers whose classes have done the program say it's taught in a "lively and age-appropriate manner," but mention, on closer questioning, the possibility of a "chilling" effect for some.

(Police in uniform--most recently Lennie Crossman of the Athol State Police Barracks--conduct the classes, one per week for 18 weeks. It is offered to the combined 5th and 6th grade class every other year, so each child receives it once. This is an off-year.)

The above questions came out in a March meeting set up by Police Steering Committee members Al Ohlson and Jonathan von Ranson with Principal Leonard Strauss and three of his teachers to discuss police-school relations, which were at a low stage.

Committee members Parker Cleveland and von Ranson have been asked to contact the Gill Elementary School, which has a D.A.R.E. program that is reputed to be working especially well. The group may also invite a trained D.A.R.E. officer to a meeting to present the program's objectives and methods and to answer questions.

Member Josh Dostis is urging an art project at Swift River to heighten awareness of the problem of driving too fast past the school. He will suggest it on behalf of the committee to Principal Strauss. The committee has $250 that it could budget for the effort, which would involve an artist working with the children.

The group is also considering sponsoring a field day in which police, fire fighters and other public safety personnel would take on the kids in soccer.

The committee was formed to funnel problems and feedback between the police and civilians of the two towns, and to help enhance cooperation in police response through the mutual appointment of officers of the two towns now being tried.

Progress can be reported at least intramurally. New Salem Chief George Spaulding recently remarked on the reduced level of distrust between civilian committee members and the police members since its founding over a year ago. Josh Dostis offered a personal example more recently: "Even my own fears about the police have been lessened by getting to know" the four police officers on the committee, he said.

From Wendell: Chief Ed Chase, Officer Jim Hebert, Parker Cleveland, Jonathan von Ranson, Kathy Becker and Anne Zak. From New Salem: Chief George Spaulding, Officer Al Ohlson, and Josh Dostis. Regina Curtis sits on the committee.

Wendell Post to Publish Wendell Resource Directory

One recurring theme in the Wendell business group's meetings has been the feeling that we don't know enough about what is going on in our small community. The group decided to publish a directory of Wendell people resources. The Wendell Post graciously offered to print the directory as an insert to the paper.

Anyone who wants to be listed in the directory should contact Nancy Riebschlaeger at 544-2741 or pick up a form at the pick up/drop off box at the Wendell Country Store.

The directory will also be shared with the Millers River CDC and added to their World Wide Webb listing on the Internet. Anyone who wants to have a copy for their Webb page should also call the above number.

Think of this as being a way to let your neighbors know what you have to offer. Think of it as the first place to look when you need something. Think of it as a way that we can all contribute to building community.

From: Wendell Business Group
Contact: Nancy Riebschlaeger, 544-2741

DON'T BE LEFT OUT OF THE WENDELL RESOURCE DIRECTORY

Anyone who wants to be listed in the directory should contact Nancy Riebschlaeger at 544-2741 or pick up a blank form at the pick up/drop off box at the Wendell Country Store.

Life in Wendell: A "Free Box" Confrontation

"That used to be my shirt. Don't disgrace it."

All cartoons in this issue are samplings of Janice Barrett's collection. For additional chuckles see the wall opposite her office entry way, at the Wendell Town Offices.

SCHOOL PAGE ... pg 6

MAHAR LOW ON $

MAHAR HIGH SCHOOL IN DIRE STRAITS.

Assessments for the contributing towns for Mahar's annual budget will require 2 1/2 overrides by most of the towns. The towns never vote overrides. Mahar is already operating on a shoestring budget. We can't offer 4 years of any foreign language now. If the state does not change its numbers, there will have to be a 450,000 to 250,000 dollar cut to an already inadequate budget. What to do?

Start calling your state legislators now and complaining very, very loudly about the lack of state support for our regional high schools.

Jean Forward

FAREWELL TO DEBBIE

How can we start to
say good-bye to you,
when you know all our needs
and schedules too?

Debbie, you're leaving?!
What can we say?!
Our guardian angel
is moving away?!

We are used to you here
wearing hundreds of hats.
Each day you attend
to our this and that's.

You can type while you talk,
sort files and get mail,
do attendance, pay bills,
and ring bells without fail.

You keep tabs on time outs
while you answer the phone,
and rebuild the copier,
and get our kids home...

We've treasured the moments
that you've been here with us.
You've kept track of each
child, and parent, and bus.

And now U.Mass needs you
and your up for the changing.
We're happy for you,
but we will need rearranging.

You've managed our lives
in your own special way.
We thank you for giving
your magic each day!

Where ever you go
you'll improve every minute.
The whole world is lucky
To have Debbie in it!

We must share you now.
It's time you must fly.
Take care, and good luck,
And have fun, and goodbye.

With love,
Swift River School

WELCOME

Welcome to Christine Heard of Wendell, our new school secretary. Goodbye to Debbie Puchalski, our secretary for almost ten years!

SWIFT RIVER SCHOOL

News From the School Committee

First off, we would like to note that Christine Heard has resigned from the school committee after many years of skilled and dedicated service. She resigned subsequent to her new appointment as school secretary at the Swift River School. Although we will miss working with Christine on the school committee, we are thrilled that she will be occupying this important position at the school and look forward to continue working with her in her new role.

In other news, the Swift River School is facing new costs of approximately $12,500 due to a revision in the cost estimates for the oil tank project. Due to regulations, the tanks cannot be placed in the storage shed attached to the building as originally planned. We are hopeful that this important work can be completed this summer.

The Ad Hoc committee on redistribution of State Construction Aid was able to come to an agreement on a new formula for the distribution of the aid which seems to better reflect the language of the original legislation. The proposed changes will be voted on in the respective town meetings this year.

We're currently hard at work on the Swift River School budget for fiscal year 1996-97. In the New Salem/Wendell School committee meeting of March 28, we worked together to trim approximately $20,000 from the Superintendent's proposed budget.

Some important upcoming meetings include a meeting on Wednesday, May 1 between school committee members and parents with questions about the budget and the budgetary process. The meeting is currently scheduled for 7:00 p.m. at Swift River School. On Thursday, May second, there will be a regular meeting of the School Committee at 7:30 at Swift River School.

The Wendell Town Meeting is scheduled for May 28 this year. Important decisions regarding the school's budget will be made at this meeting and we encourage everyone's participation.

Chris Ewell
Phil Delorey
Beth O'connel

HOME SCHOOLING

PATHFINDER LEARNING CENTER
A project of Pathfinder Foundation, Inc.
Supporting community-based and home-based education in the Pioneer Valley

Pathfinder Learning Center, located in Amherst, MA, will serve home-schooling families in the Pioneer Valley beginning in July, 1996. PLC will support families with children of all ages, with particular emphasis on integrating teenagers with their community. PLC will offer services in three areas: networking and mutual support, meeting formal educational requirements, and providing learning opportunities.

The PLC staff consists of two professional teachers, Joshua Hornick and Kenneth Danford. Together they represent over ten years of secondary school teaching experience in urban, suburban, and alternative education, most recently at the Amherst Regional Junior High School.

Contact: Kenneth Danford 367-9907
Joshua Hornick 549-6182

CHANGES COMING TO LAKE GROVE MAPLE VALLEY SCHOOL

By HOLLY BROOKS
Recorder Correspondent

WENDELL — Lake Grove Maple Valley School hopes to improve operations by tightening security and remodeling two dorms.

In the past few months the boarding school, which serves 28 teen sex offenders, has hired more staffers to create a staff-to-student ratio of 1 to 4. Teachers have been outfitted with walkie-talkies to better monitor students. And the school has also set up a community phone tree to quickly find youths who run away.

Meanwhile, the school plans a $100,000 renovation project to convert the current three-person dorm rooms to private rooms.

According to school director Stephen Nagy, the current security measures, the improved staff-to-student ratio and round-the-clock supervision go a long way to remedy the problems the school had in the spring four years ago.

At that time, 10 students were involved in outbreaks over a two-day period and a staff member was injured in the process. Wendell residents worried that staff cutbacks had lessened security and threatened the neighborhood. Two years ago, a neighbor suspected a runaway of breaking into her home while she was gone for the weekend.

Nagy said that there has not been a walk-away since last spring, when the young man was quickly found a half mile up the road.

According to Selectmen's Chairwoman Ann Zak, the perception of the school has always been more of a problem than the school itself. Because of a lack of communication between the school and the community in the past, she said, residents were worried that the students were violent.

But since a seven-member citizens' advisory committee started up about two years ago, residents feel much better about the school, she said.

Getting another chance

The rustic scattering of buildings on the corner of Wendell Depot and Farley Roads probably looks like a well-kept farm to anyone just passing by. But the complex of mismatched buildings actually gives boys what could be their last chance for a normal life.

The students, who are referred from social service agencies and juvenile courts around the Northeast, and have often been sexually, physically and emotionally abused, live a regimented life: Every minute of their day and night is planned for them. Adults supervise at all times, in classrooms, dorms, and walking between buildings.

Nagy, who has directed the campus for the last three years, said the school is designed for youths who are willing to change.

"We look for kids who are highly motivated to change their behavior," he said. "They have to really want help. If they are not interested it getting help, they do not belong here."

Nagy says the school has come a long way since he's taken charge: It now has a greenhouse, a recreation barn, two classroom buildings, two dorms, a clinical services building, and administration building and an operations center. Along with the basketball court there is room for volleyball and other outdoor sports. Nagy dreams that someday they will have the money to build a gym and offer a music therapy program.

"It is really satisfying when I see that our program works," he said. Like a proud parent, he shows off a three-inch-thick pile of multi-colored letters he has received from the students. He keeps them all. They write to ask for job recommendations or to brag that they have gotten a job. They write to thank him for believing in them. They write to thank him for giving them a second chance.

LIBRARY NEWS

INTERNET

Many thanks to Kyle Gilman who taught the first round of classes on the Internet Wednesday nights at the Library!

Next we have Judy Grupenhoff of Wendell offering classes on an "as needed" basis. Each time we have three people expressing an interest in learning to use the Internet we'll schedule a one-hour class with Judy.

Judy has her own computer consulting business called InterNetworks. She has helped the Millers River CDC (Community Development Corporation) develop its local electronic village which links area business, town governments, arts and cultural groups and tourist sites. She also has set up the Swift River "home page" which helps kids find exciting Web sites for fun and learning. Judy can help each individual understand just how the Internet might be most useful for them.

The use of the Internet at the Library is free and available during all regular library hours. The classes are also free. We welcome people of all ages. No previous experience with computers is necessary.

Rosie Heidkamp

MAGAZINES

Did you know that the Library receives almost 40 magazine subscriptions? Over half are donated by patrons who faithfully bring their copy in each month when they are through or who have paid for a subscription to come directly to the Library. The rest are purchased by Library funds to provide for the areas of greatest interest. Magazines, including current issues, can be put on "reserve" for you if the issue you want is circulating.

The following is an alphabetical listing:

Architectural Digest
Booklist (book reviews)
The Beacon
Business Week
Comic Relief
Consumer Report
Country Journal
Earth Changes Report
Fine Gardening
Fine Homebuilding
Gentleman's Quarterly
Gourmet
The Herb Quarterly
Horticulture
The Journal of Light Construction
Kiplingers
Money
Mothering
Ms.
National Geographic
Natural Health
North East Price list
Organic Gardening
Outdoor Photographer
Outside
Popular Photography
Popular Science
Readers Digest
Sanctuary
Sports Afield
Sports Illustrated
Swiss Review of World Affairs
Tightwad Gazette
Utne Reader
U.S. News & World Report
Wendell Post
Z Magazine

Rosie Heidkamp

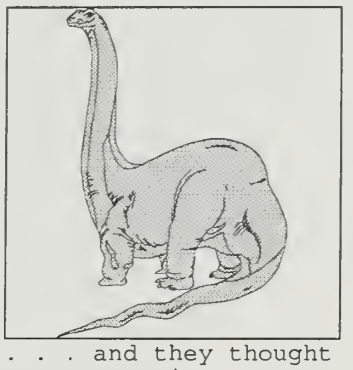
危机

crisis

In Chinese, the word for "crisis" is made up of two characters meaning dangerous opportunity.

+ ACT LOCALLY WORK LOCALLY +

OPENING ON THE COUNCIL ON AGING:
The Wendell Council on Aging presently has an opening for an appointed COA Coordinator. The Council is seeking an energetic individual for program development for the coming year. The position receives a small stipend. Interested parties should contact Elizabeth Scully at 544-3142 for more information.



. . . and they thought we were extinct!

WENDELL POST BIRTHDATE 20yrs

EVERY ISSUE A MIRACLE!! THANKS!!

Poets Corner

Local Poetry

How do I begin to look
at the life I live?
Eyes cast low to the floor
listening within
sitting amidst the dust
hearing something inside say
start at the beginning
from the ground up
holding view of pathways worn
the footing of life once walked
dusty before me
like words in poetry
printing of the past
holding on
to what?
letting go
of what?
Being here now.

Asking

How can I be
true to myself?
Pay attention to the things I love,
see if they love me too.
Looking up
my eyes meet
with the eyes of the Buddha.
Breathing in
exploration begins itself,
breathing out
experience shows itself,
memory gently gifts me
words of the Buddha
"the intention is what I maintain to be the action"
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SELECTBOARD MINUTES

February 27, 1996 Minutes

Members present were Anne Zak, Margo Culley, and Ted Lewis. Also present was Joe Coll, Athol Daily News, Holly Brooks, Greenfield Recorder, and Wanita Sears. Correspondence was reviewed and minutes signed. Meeting convened at 7:00.

Arlene Berkiowitz-Vova, Assistant to the Superintendent Union 28 School District discussed her duties as Assistant, the PH system on the water supply at Swift River, and future work to put Swift River's fuel tanks above ground. Ms. Vova told the Board an Early Childhood Grant to Swift River of $20,000. Half will go to provide training certification of home day cares, and funding for those unable to get day care. The second half will furnish the Enchanted Forest so that materials may be put way an the stage used for school functions again. Chris Ewell, School Committee Chairperson and the School Committee also attended.

Board reviewed copies of a letter to the New Salem Selectmen reconvening the Ad Hoc Committee concerning Swift River School Construction reimbursement Funds.

There will be a Selectboard's Association meeting March 3, 1996 at the Greenfield Elk's Club.

The Board received a Low Level Radioactive Waste Survey Report.

Anne Zak reported that at the Town Common meeting the Town Hall, Center St. drainage, discontinuance, parking, and lights were discussed.

Ted Lewis attended a meeting on the dry hydrants of the MDC, Road Commissioner, and owners. Engineers will be Picked April 1.

Ms. Zak went to Harrisville N.H., a town that has built itself up through community development among the townspeople. Their population is 900.

Margo Culley reported that the State law on an owner builder doing their own wiring states it is at the discretion of the Inspector to allow this. Board will write to the Wiring inspector.

The Board worked on their Community Action Statement.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00

March 7, 1996

Members present were anne Zak, Margo Culley, and Ted Lewis. Also present were Holly Brooks, Greenfield Recorder; Joe Col, Athol Daily News; and Wanita Sears. Correspondence was reviewed and minutes signed. Meeting convened at 7:00.

The Board reviewed a report on needed fire truck repairs. They agreed to get an estimate.

Margo Culley remarked on Low Level Radioactive Waste Meeting Agenda Item for voting to disband.

Letter to the Board received from Mark Marceau concerning junk vehicles and Mike Wing's permits. Board sent copy of permit to Mr. Marceau and called Mr. Wing to set up a meeting at his place of business.

Letter received from NYNEX requesting a communications cabinet on Town property. There are 3 possible locations which will be decided on and negotiated among the Town, NYNEX, and abutters. There will be a hearing on March 26, 1996 at 6:30.

Board reviewed article in Mass. Gov. Finance Officers Assoc. newsletter written by Regina Curtis on PILOT (in lieu of taxes) monies.

Ted Lewis remarked on AdHoc meeting Thurs. March 21, '96.

Ms. Culley received a call from D&B that the odor problem has been found in the fill and will be corrected.

Massachusetts Highway Bridge Section has approved plans for Jennison Rd. culvert putting it on the substandard bridge problem list. More work is required to meet MDC standards.

Letter of response received from Steve Kulick's office to Local Aid request.

Swift River School Committee meeting has been rescheduled for March 14, 1996.

Certified free cash figure from the DOR received of (105,702) almost half of last years.

Report received that the Town employees have not used the State Employee Assistance Program.

Harry Williston and Everett Ricketts will review engineering proposals for Morse Village Rd. and dry hydrants.

Board discussed tentative dates for the Annual Town Meeting in late May. Election date is May 6.

Margo Culley received call from Kathy Becker on behalf of the Town Hall Policy Use group asking about safety issues expressed at aa previous Board meeting.

Anne Zak stated that Wendell has a good representation at the Community Policing Steering Committee meetings.

Board reviewed their budget line item worksheets for submission to FinCom.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30.

March 19, 1996

Members present were Anne Zak, Margo Culley, and Ted Lewis. Also present were Holly Brooks, "Recorder"; Joe Coll, "Athol Daily News"; Regina Curtis, Town Coordinator; and Wanita Sears. Correspondence was reviewed. Warrant and minutes were signed. Meeting convened at 7:00.

Mike Wing presented to the Board a letter requesting that Anne Zak not attend the Board inspection of his property for license confirmation on March 20, 1996. The Board unanimously denied his request.

George Boyle from NYNEX discussed three placements for two communications cabinets on a 20x30' concrete slab at the Town Offices.

NYNEX Public Hearing will be held March 26, 1996 at GCC at 7:30.

Margo Culley will attend the Legislative Forum March 29 at the Greenfield Selectboard.

Contract signed for Franklin County Housing Authority administrators of the Community Development Block Grant Small Cities Grant for Morse Village Road reconstruction and Dry Hydrants.

Massaachusetts Municippal Association Regional Update Meeting will be held March 24, 1996 at the Jones Library.

The Board granted Christine Heard a leave of absence from the School Committee.

Finance Committee will hold a AdHoc Meeting at 6:30 on the Swift River School Budget.

Report from RoadCommission that Lockes Village Road to West Street has been submitted to the Transportation Improvement Program in place of Morse Village Road.

Request received from Harold Wetherby for Special Earth Removal Permit.

Wendell received an A on the DEP Recycling Report Card.

Newsletters received from Don't Waste Massachusetts and Franklin County Health Center Planning Group.

Unregistered vehicle and street numbering letters will be out before May 1.

Condemned properties are being handled by Eric Wight.

Annual Town Meeting will be held May 28, 19996 at 7:00.

Board approved estimate of repairs to the fire truck submitted by Dingee Machine.

Zoning Hearing will be held before Annual Town Meeting.

Annual Shade Tree Hearing Meeting will be held April 2,1996 at 7:30.

Tom Chaisson has been assessing repairs needed at the Town Hall. Window replacement and painting the most immediate need will be done with funds available now. Lee Trousdale, Fin Com, asked for estimates on other repairs including floor, bathroom and kitchen leaks, and kitchen structural damage.

Repairs needed at the Town Offices were discussed.

Meeting adiourned at 9:30.

March 26, 1996

Members present were Anne Zak, Margo Culley and Ted Lewis. Also present was Holly Brooks, "Recorder"; Joe Coll,"Athol Daily News"; and Wanita Sears. Correspondence was reviewed and minutes signed. Meeting convened at 7:00.

Board signed loaned for needed revenues.

Board signed awards for Morse Village Rd. and Dry Hydrants.

Members signed letters to those with more than two unregistered vehicles.

Letter received from Rep. Kulick's office that Wendell will receive $13,068 for snow and ice removal.

Phone bill received from Shelburne Dispatch for relayed calls to Police and Fire Departments not called to 911. Board will send letter to FinCom., Police and Fire Departments that this should be part of their budgets.

Photograph received from Robin Pierce showing vehicles he moved and street numbers put up at the Board's request.

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~Selectboard Minutes~

Mahar Regional High School is conducting an Education Reform Forum March 26.

Margo Culley will attend the Swift River "School Committee Meeting on March 28 at 7:30.

Letter received from Monroe Selectboard to all Massachusetts towns who did not support New Bedford's request for stricter gun laws.

Resignation received from Christine Heard for her School Committee position. She is now Secretary at Swift River School.

Due to the closeness of the election her School Committee position will be appointed.

Public Hearing held with George Boyle of NYNEX on locating two communications cabinets on Town property. Alternative site on north side of stone wall at the Town Garage and Fire Station discussed. This was more acceptable to the Board than the Town Offices because of recreational and historical concerns. Dan Lahev. a Wendell resident expressed his concerns of historical nature, proximity to the road, and unpleasantness of cabinet design. NYNEX will allow the Town after installation the option to have it removed with 120 day notice. $5,000 consideration, landscaping and painting to help the area blend in with natural surroundings. Hearing for placement before license signing will be held April 16, 1996.

New street signs needed have been ordered by Danny Bacigalupo.

Estimate received from Tom Chaisson for Town HaLL repairs. Windows and interior paint should be done for the Annual Town Meeting.

Audit received from the Franklin County Regional Housing Authority.

Brochure received from Environmental Management on the State of the Commonwealth.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45

April 2, 1996

Members present were Anne Zak, Margo Culley, and Ted Lewis. Also present were Joe Coll,"Athol Daily News"; Holly Brooks,"Recorder"; Regina Curtis, Town Coordinator; and Wanita Sears. Warrant signed and correspondence reviewed. Meeting convened at 7:00.

Anne Zak will contact Franklin County House of Correction for inmate work crew to point the Town Garage and Fire Station.

There will be a retirement party for Jessie Wetherby at the Town Offices April 18, 1996 from 4-6.

Phone bill from Shelburne Dispatch for transferred calls was paid by the Police Department. Board will be looking into pagers for Police and Fire Departments in the future.

Board would like discussion at Annual Town Meeting of having Center St. as one way or Discontinuing its use.

Nancy Riebschlaeger asked the Board for permission to hold a potluck Community Development Meeting with Myron Becker as speaker at the Common on June 1, 1996 from 12-2 along with the Farmer's Market. Board offered the Town Hall for the potluck.

Regina Curtis asked the Board to research owners of one property violating unregistered vehicle bylaw.

Letters to be sent to residents next week not displaying housed numbers.

The Board signed the award bid for Stowell Town Office renovation.

There will be a public hearing prior to signing the NYNEX agreement on April 16, 1996 for communications cabinets.

Anne Zak and Regina Curtis will attend the STAR Meeting on April 25 at the Hampshire County Registry of Deeds.

Discussed Franklin County Solid Waste Management District DEP Technical Assistance Grant.

Peter Langelier is Wendell's new DOR field representative.

Franklin County Commission is now charging for their engineering program.

Margo Culley will attend the MMA meeting in Amherst on April 17.

Regina Curtis discussed recent Transportation Bond Bill.

The Board received a copy of the Swift River School Committee Report from FinCom.

A Swift River ADHOC meeting will be held on April 3.

The next Franklin County Advisory Board Meeting will discuss the proposed restructuring of County government by Gov. Weld.

Bid request to be posted for work on the Town Hall and Offices.

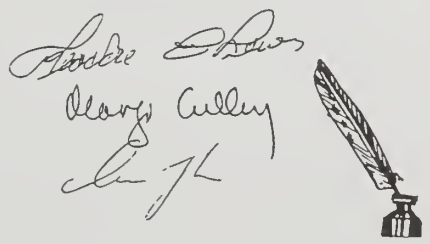
Ted Lewis discussed possible window repairs at the Town HaLL being done with donations along with dedication plaques as in hospitals and churches.

The Board voted in a 3% raise to all Town employees.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15.

Respectfully submitted,
Wanita Sears
Selectboard Clerk

*note: Minutes re-typed by Wendell Post staff.



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Wendell Business Group Announces Kick-off Event

On Saturday afternoon, June 1, from 12 until 3 the Wendell Business Group will hold a gathering on the town common. The event will feature a talk by Myron Becker who will share with us some of his experiences in building a business in Wendell.

Following Becker's talk the group's organizing committee will present organizational papers for comment and adoption. Election of officers will follow.

The group is open to anyone and currently has the following agenda:

—by-laws and election of officers

—the creation of a technology center with equipment and support available for community use;

—training in accounting & computers

—central shipping pick up/drop off

—cooperative buying

—community development credit union

—group insurance

Bring a picnic lunch and explore with other business people ways we can help and support each other. Beverages will be available.

The business group and this event grew out of the work of the Wendell Economic Development Partnership and Mad River Research.

Help is always welcome. If you want to get involved in this event call Wanita Sears 544-7198.

From: Wendell Business Group
Contact: Nancy Riebschlaeger, 544-2741

Just Thinkin'...

The cost of living is high,
but it is worth it.

Joe Hicks

Patriotism

President Calvin Coolidge was most famous for saying nothing. "Silent Cal" they called him. When Dorothy Parker heard he was dead, she said, "How can they tell?"

He did, however, say something we need to hear today: "Patriotism means looking out for yourself by looking out for your country." Who could have a good life in a bad community?

Silence is the context, but old Cal may have understood the heart of a healthy relationship between places, people and persons.

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Town Elections MAY 6

CANIDATES FOR ELECTION

*Selectboard 3 yr. term:
Ann Zak (Incumbant)
Ken Simos
*Assessor 3 yr. term:
Charles H. Bowes
Mary McBride
Town Clerk 3 yr. term:
Anna Hartjens (Incumbant)
Tax Collector 3 yr. term:
Judith Wilder (Incumbant)
Treasurer 3 yr. term:
Gail Bowes (Appointed Incumbant)
Board of Health 3 yr. term:
Janee Stone (Incumbant)
Planning Board 5 yr. term:
David Wilder (Incumbant)
Planning Board 2 yr. term:
Richard Asman
Planning Board 1 yr. term:
Tulio Patrizini (write-in)
Moderator 1 yr. term:
Kathy Becker (Incumbant)
Cemetary Commissioner 3 yr. term:
John Bulger (Incumbant)
Road Commissioner 3 yr. term:

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School Committee 3 yr. term:
Elizabeth McConnel (Incumbant)
School Committee 2 year term:

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School Committee 1 year term:
Phil Delory (Incumbant)
Tree Warden 1 year term:
Dan Bacigalupo (Incumbant)
Library Trustee 3 year term:
vote 2:
Judith Putnam
Sylvia Wetherby

* contested seat

CONDOLENCE

Condolences to the family of Sophie G. Ellis of Vienna, VA. She was a subscriber to the "Wendell Post", and enjoyed seeing the art contributions of her son, Robert Ellis.

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Candidates Statements

VOTE THE FIRST MONDAY IN MAY
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Selectboard

Ann Zak

My experience on the Wendell Selectboard for the past six years has been both rewarding and challenging. There are several goals I intend to pursue if I'm elected to a third term.

Of significant importance is the need to continue the attempt to reinstate the PILOT (Payment-in-lieu-of-taxes) payments due the Town from the Commonwealth. I'd continue to serve on the Executive Committee of S.T.A.R. (Small Towns Against Repression), which has taken a leadership role in this problem that many small towns are facing.

The D&B Demolition Landfill is scheduled to discontinue operations in 1997. The final capping and the fiscal impact on the Town are of great concern to me and I'd like to see this through to its completion.

Other projects in which I will provide leadership are renovations to the Town Common, Town Hall and Town Offices/Senior Center. The Scenic Roads Act and the Public Shade Tree Act have been adopted by the Town already, but I believe it is time to study, propose and adopt local by-laws. And, if re-elected, I will continue to represent the Town of Wendell on the Rt. 2 Task Force.

Mad River Research has completed its final economic development planning with the Local Partnership. Follow through on their recommendations could benefit the economic health of our community. Keeping the Local Partnership active and involved will be on my agenda.

I'd appreciate your support and vote on May 6th and look forward to serving the Town for another 3 years.

Ann Zak

Kenneth Simos

The time has come for a more evenhanded and patient approach to the people we serve. It's time for a change.

Kenneth Simos

Moderator

Kathy Becker

I am running for re-election as Town Moderator, and would appreciate your vote. I have a working respect for parliamentary proceedure as it applies to the town meeting format. This structure holds great value, it is called democratic process. Democracy is not just wild and wooly free speech. Democracy includes a discipline as well, with an underlying principal of fairness. I believe in this, and enjoy the opportunity to learn and use this knowledge because it seems like a way for our community to grow in health. Please vote. Kathy Becker

Library Trustee

Sylvia Wetherby

Sylvia has been a Library Trustee for around fifteen years. When asked why she continues to put time into being on the Board of Trustees, her response was " It's such a great little library, I want to continue to work there." She loves the time she spends there and the people she gets to see there.

Anne Diemand

Assessor

CHARLES H. BOWES

WENDELL VOTERS

I AM SEEKING A TOWN ASSESSOR POSITION THIS YEAR

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I AM INTERESTED IN FAIR ASSESSMENT OF OUR HOMES & PROPERTY

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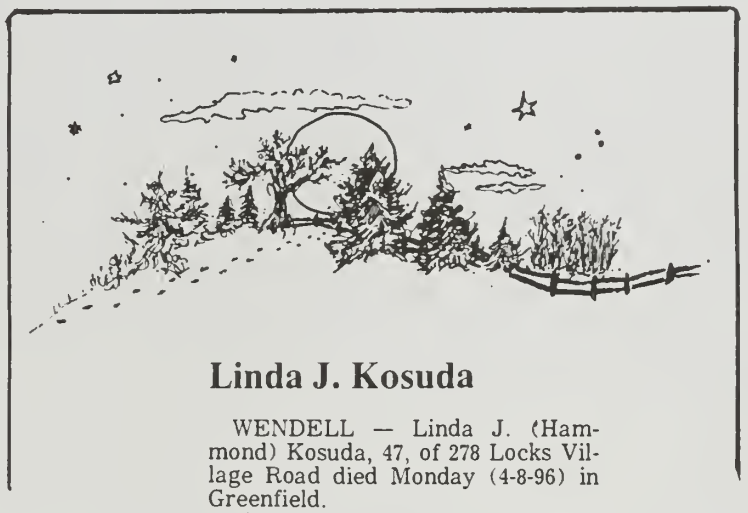
CHARLES H. BOWES

Mary McBride

I am seeking to become one of Wendell's tax assessors. I have lived and owned a home in Wendell for nearly 12 years. I believe I am qualified for this position by my 16 years of experience effectively raising funds and managing projects in the municipal and private sectors, my master's degree in business, my real estate sales and construction experience, and my term on the Wendell Planning Board.

I would welcome the opportunity to offer my time, experience, and energy in balancing the Town of Wendell's needs with those of the individual taxpayer. Thank you for your consideration.

Candidates statements are voluntary only. The "Wendell Post" prints them as recieved, without editing, as a courtesy to the voters. The following candidates chose to take up the invitation to run a statement.



Linda J. Kosuda

WENDELL — Linda J. (Hammond) Kosuda, 47, of 278 Locks Village Road died Monday (4-8-96) in Greenfield.

She was born in Montague, March 15, 1949, the daughter of Harold L. Sr. and Sophie R. (Marco) Hammond. She graduated in 1967 from Mahar Regional School in Orange. She moved to West Chesterfield, N.H., in 1967 and to Northampton in 1968. She relocated to Wendell in 1970.

Kosuda was self-employed. She operated Country Kids Day Care in Wendell for more than 20 years.

She enjoyed gardening, sewing, crafts and walking.

Survivors include her husband of 29 years, Stephen J. Kosuda; a son, Stephen J. Jr. of Greenfield; a daughter, Laura L. Zera of Wendell; a brother, Harold Hammond Jr. of Millers Falls; two grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. at the Walker Funeral Home, 14 High St., Greenfield, with the Rev. Dr. Mark M.P. New, pastor of the Second Congregational Church, officiating. Burial will be in Northfield Farms Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

Calling hours at the funeral home are tonight from 7 to 9.

In lieu of flowers, it is suggested memorial contributions be made to either Hospice of Franklin County, 164 High St., or the American Cancer Society, in care of Margaret Dallas, Greenfield Co-operative Bank, both in Greenfield 01301.

Sam Eide
I am in third grade,,but I miss going to Linda's daycare. I used to go sometimes when I was three or four. I met my first friends there. I still have the crafts I made at Linda's. I liked her toys especially the dinosaurs. I remember how good her "Cheerio salad" was at snack time. Linda is the first person who took care of me besides my family. I am sad that she is not still there.

Ben Simon, age 4
I liked Linda's because she let us play. Sometimes we played school, we made up games. At trick or treating time she gave us lots of goodies. She used to measure us to see how big we grew. I grew so big at Linda's. I love Linda but I miss her now.

Eliza Chappell, age 8
Linda was always nice. She always had special things for us to do. She let us feed the fish and the parakeets. Linda's house was a fun place to play with my friends. I miss her a lot.

To Linda,
You were the best babysitter. I'll miss you always but we will remember you in our hearts as a babysitter, a mom, a grandmother, and a very special friend.
Love,
Jean & Susan

Jamie Chappell, age 4
Sometimes Linda gave me hugs and sometimes I gave her hugs. She made good snacks for us. I liked nap time. I'll miss going to Linda's.

Eric Dew
I didn't know Linda very well but once I got a skateboard from her. I am sad she is not still around.

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Eco-nomic Growth

WENDELL FARMERS' AND GARDENERS' MARKET STARTS MAY 4TH

On Saturday, May 4th, The Wendell Farmers' and Gardeners' Market will have a grand opening celebration on the Wendell Town Common from 10 AM to 1 PM. A variety of local agricultral and hand crafted goods will be available for purchase. Baby farm animals for petting will also be present.

Historically, village markets have been the economic and social life blood of vital communities. Markets have provided the common ground (and atmosphere) for direct, lively exchanges of all kinds between all manner of citizens.

The goals of the market include encouraging community based economics by providing an outlet for local agricultural and handcrafted goods. Sustainable agricultural practices will be encouraged by emphasizing organic and natural growing practices. Local dependence on long distance food transport will be decreased. A wide variety of fresh quality locally grown vegetables, fruits, flowers, eggs, other farm products, and useful and artful crafts will be provided for area residents.

Local farmers, gardeners, and crafters are welcome to sell their produce and crafts at the Market on their own or through a community table. For more information, contact Linda Hickman (508-544-8604) or Rosie Heidkamp (508-544-8457).

The market will operate on the Wendell Town Common every Saturday from 10 AM to 1 PM, May through October.

Linda Hickman

9th ANNUAL /PERENNIAL
PLANT SWAP

SUNDAY MAY 19TH
10am - noon
rain or shine
WENDELL COMMON

Trade a plant with a neighbor.
Bring a friend. Celebrate our love of gardening!
For info, call Rosie 544-8457.

LITERARY YEARNINGS?

WRITING WORKSHOPS

TO BE FORMED

call: Jonathon von Ranson 544-3758
Nina Keller 544-2857

Art Studio / Garden Tour

July 21, 1996

The new Wendell arts & crafts cooperative is looking for artists and gardeners to show their studios and/or gardens in the Wendell tour being planned for Sunday, July 21 and open to the public.

Interested people please call Kate Neilson at 544-5444 and leave a message with name, phone number and address.

A planning meeting will be held for those interested in working on or participating in the tour on Monday, May 20 at 7pm in the Senior Center.

WENDELL OLD HOME DAY

Wendell Old Home Day is scheduled for Saturday, July 13, 1996. We will start with a children's parade at 10 am. The planning is still in the early stages so if there is anything anyone would like to see happen or if there is anyone that would like to be involved in making the day please call Annie at 544-6111 or Karen at 544-7352. We hope you can come share the day with us - remember our motto "Even if it rains, we're still gonna shine!"

Anne Diemand

ATTENTION PARENTS:

No one knows children as well as their parents do. As parents, we each have our own special ways of getting our children to cooperate with us, but our methods don't always work as easily as we'd like. We've all occasionally said to ourselves, "There must be an easier way!"

The Swift River School's PTCA is offering a special opportunity for parents to collect some fresh ideas by sponsoring a parenting workshop with Joanna Fisher and Kathleen Hardie from Valuing Our Children in Athol, MA. They will be sharing some ideas to help us find positive ways to discipline our children. They will give us ways to improve our family interactions, and they will offer tools to help us win cooperation from our kids peacefully and effectively.

This evening is for all parents, and it's free! So come from 7-9:00PM Wednesday, April 24. There will be refreshments and childcare, and lots of food for thought! Make note on your calendars now, and plan to join fellow parents at the school for an inspiring evening with Joanna and Kathleen. Questions? Call Molly Kaynor at 544-7864.

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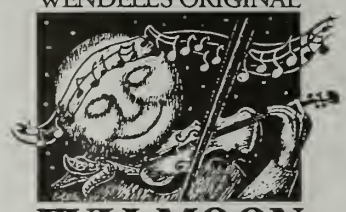

FULL MOON COFFEEHOUSE

Upcoming Events

MAY 4th

SLEEVELESS THEATER
to benefit
Traprock Peace Center

May 24

DAVID MALLET

to benefit
Town Hall

JUNE 1st

SALAMANDER CROSSING
to benefit
Town Playground Project

- Open Mike at 7:30
- Dessert-O-Rama
- Always a Benefit!
- Sliding Scale Admission

At the Town Hall
Wendell, Massachusetts

ONCE IN A BLUE MOON

DAVID MALLET CONCERT

As a nice surprise to our community, singer-songwriter David Mallet will be coming to our Townhall. A long time friend of Klondike and Teri Koehler, when he found he had a hole in his schedule, he remembered what a nice time he had at Old Home Day a while back, and called up. The Wendell Full Moon Coffee House Committee is pleased to announce that David Mallet will appear in concert as a Blue Moon Production, on May 24. Tickets will be $10 at the door for concert style seating. Part of the proceeds will be donated by the Coffeehouse Committee towards the Townhall itself, as the building is needing some attention. Plan to come early, as seating is limited, and on a first come basis, no reserved seating. Call Ed/Nathan Boland at 544-2207, or Paul Lefevbre at 544-8339 for further info about times. This is late breaking news!